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ATTORNEY GENERAL DISTRIBUTING \$90,000 TO WE THE PEOPLE CONSUMERS

Consumers eligible for refunds from We The People, a self-described “legal document preparation company,” have until May 22 to turn in their claim forms to the Tennessee Attorney General’s Office.

Attorney General Paul G. Summers made the announcement after the Attorney General’s Office was unable to reach several eligible consumers following the agreement with We The People. The agreement reached in February, 2006 resolves the State’s lawsuit which alleged consumer protection and unauthorized practice of law violations. We The People subsequently closed down its two franchise locations in Tennessee.

Under the terms of the agreement, We The People paid \$90,000 into a fund to be distributed to eligible Tennessee consumers. The Attorney General’s Office mailed a refund notice and claim form to the last known addresses of all consumers who purchased products or services from We The People in Nashville and Knoxville.

“Time is running out to send in a claim form,” Attorney General Summers said, “and we want to make sure everyone who is eligible for a refund receives it. Unfortunately, we have been unable to contact some consumers because they have moved or their contact information is wrong.”

Consumers who have moved since they purchased products or services from We The People are encouraged to call the Attorney General’s Consumer Protection Line at (615) 741-1671 or toll-free (in Tennessee) at (877) 275-7396 to have a notice and claim form mailed to their new address. Notices and claim forms may also be downloaded from the office website at <http://www.attorneygeneral.state.tn.us/people/people.htm>.

If you used a non-lawyer individual or service that types forms for your legal matters and feel that you were harmed, or if you have information or a complaint about a non-lawyer engaging in the unauthorized practice of law, please contact the Consumer Advocate and Protection Division of the Tennessee Attorney General’s Office. To request an Unauthorized Practice of Law Complaint form, please call (615) 741-1671 or toll-free (in Tennessee) at (877) 275-7396 or download a complaint form at <http://www.attorneygeneral.state.tn.us/cpro/upl.htm>.